

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
OFFICE OF THE HEALTH INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
233 RICHMOND STREET, PROVIDENCE, RI 02903

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS REGARDING BLUE CROSS PLAN 65
MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT PREMIUM RATES**

Notice is hereby given that the Rhode Island Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner ("OHIC") will hold **public meetings on Wednesday, November 29, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. and at 5:00 p.m.** to solicit public input regarding a filing for an increase in premium rates for individual Plan 65 Medicare Supplement subscribers submitted by Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island ("Blue Cross") on September 29, 2006 ("the Filing"). The meetings will be held at the OHIC, 233 Richmond Street, Providence, RI, in the main hearing room of the Department of Business Regulation.

The Filing proposes premium rate increases of 9.9% effective February 1, 2007 for Plan 65 Medigap Plans A, B and C and Select Plan C, and a 5.4% rate increase for Plan 65 Select Plan B. The Filing also seeks OHIC's approval of rates for a new Plan 65 Select Plan L product to be available February 1, 2007.

A copy of the Filing is on file at OHIC and copies may be obtained from the Executive Assistant for Policy and Program Review, OHIC, 233 Richmond Street, Providence, RI (222-7866) during normal business hours, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The dollar amounts of the current and proposed rates may be viewed at Blue Cross' Plan 65 website which may be accessed through www.bcbsri.com. The current and proposed rates, as well as other information about the Filing, may also be viewed at the OHIC's website: <http://www.dbr.state.ri.us/divisions/healthinsurance>. Alternatively, the rates may be obtained by calling the Blue Cross Customer Service Department at (401) 459-5000 or 1-800-639-2227.

All interested persons may submit their comments regarding the proposed rate increases for Plan 65 subscribers orally at the public meetings, or in writing, either by delivering the same in person or by United States mail with postage prepaid to OHIC, 233 Richmond Street, Providence, RI 02903, attention John Aloysius Cogan Jr., Esq., or by e-mail to jcogan@dbr.state.ri.us.

All written submissions must be received by OHIC no later than November 29, 2006 at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting room is accessible to the handicapped. Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the OHIC at 222-7866 or TDD 711 not less than ninety-six (96) hours in advance of the meeting date.

Christopher F. Koller
Commissioner